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SUBJECT: ARREST OF SIX MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS GROUP

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST TO MAKE INQUIRIES CONCERNING ARREST OF SIX MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE GROUP, CENTER OF INNER RELIGION.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, THE SIX MEMBERS, ANA ELSA MARTINEZ, JORGE ROCHA, NESTOR HAUPT, ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ, JOSE RAMON ALVAREZ AND ROBERTO KOHANOFF, WERE ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY 16 AT KOHANOFF'S FARMHOUSE OUTSIDE RESISTENCIA, CHACO.

3. THE SIX ARE BEING HELD AT AREA MILITAR 233 IN RESISTENCIA. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN PLACED AGAINST THEM.

4. THE ARREST OF THE SIX INNER RELIGION MEMBERS COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE CONTINUING ARRESTS OF JEHOVAH'S
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WITNESSES, THE IMPRISONMENT OF THE CAFH LEADERS IN CORDOBA AND THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS IS CAUSING WIDESPREAD CRITICAL COMMENTS IN U.S. VANCE

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